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AMENDMENT

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-2 without prejudice.

Please enter the following amended claims:

3. (Amended) An optical fiber coating apparatus for applying first and second coating resins as a laminate to the outer periphery of an optical fiber, said apparatus comprising:

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a first coating die having a first die hole through which said optical fiber is inserted and a basically disk-shaped lower end face with a protrusion projecting in the passing direction of said optical fiber and formed around said first die hole, said first die hole and the outer periphery of said optical fiber therein forming a space therebetween into which said first coating resin is injected; and

a second coating die having a second die hole which is concentric with said first die hole and through which said optical fiber passed through said first die hole is inserted and an upper end face comprising a circular plate opposing the lower end face of said first coating